

## ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A tape feed for a postage meter which uses the envelope  
5 transport system of the postage meter to feed a tape from  
a tape receptacle into the path of the envelope feed  
system. The tape receptacle is pivotally mounted  
adjacent one of the belts of the envelope transport  
system. A solenoid is connected to the tape receptacle  
10 through a cam pin and cam slot arrangement for providing  
the pivotal movement. When the solenoid is energized, the  
tape receptacle is pivoted into a position wherein the  
belt extends into a slot in the receptacle and grips a  
tape to discharge a tape from the receptacle and feed it  
15 into the envelope transport system. When the solenoid is  
de-energized, the solenoid pivots the receptacle into a  
position wherein the tapes in the receptacle are out of  
contact with the belt. A sensor is provided to de-  
energize the solenoid when the belt moves the leading  
20 edge of the tape into gripping relationship by the  
envelope transport system.